Attorney's Docket No. <u>35718/193734</u>

**PATENT**

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In re:      Rao *et al.*                    Confirmation No.: 1892
Appl. No.:  09/478,598                      Group Art Unit:   1652
Filed:      January 6, 2000                 Examiner:         K.M. Kerr
For:        COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR ALTERING AMINO ACID
            CONTENT OF PROTEINS

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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

<u>In The Specification:</u>

Please revise the first full paragraph beginning on page 3, line 2, to read as follows:

Figures 1A and 1B show homologies between vegetative storage protein (VSP) and other proteins, as follows.

Please revise the first full paragraph beginning on page 3, line 3, to read as follows:

VSP-b (same as VSPβ) and VSP-a (same as VSPα):  Staswick, P.E., (1988), Plant Physiol. 87, 250-254.  The amino acid sequence of the VSP-b protein is set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, and the amino acid sequence of the VSP-a protein is set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

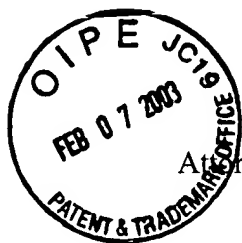Please revise the first full paragraph beginning on page 3, line 6, to read as follows:

T.phos (tomato acid phosphatase):  Erion, J.L., Ballo, B., May, L., Bussell, J., Fox, T.W., & Thomas, S.R., SwissProt database accession number P27061.  The amino acid sequence of this protein is set forth in SEQ ID NO:3.

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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT in the above-identified patent application.

☐     Applicant claims small entity status.  See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
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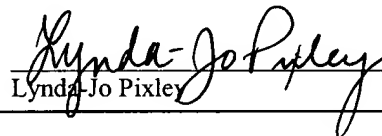| | |
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